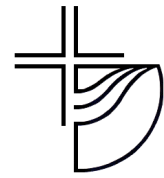


Montezuma Today



May 2026

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
—Ephesians 3:20–21

After months of praying, planning, and patiently enduring, let us rejoice together in the completion of the sanctuary renovations! What once was just a dream is now ready to serve as a sacred space for worship and the glorifying of God. This project truly is a witness to the way God has blessed this congregation. Many, many thanks to:

- the Stewards Commission and their Property Committee for spearheading and managing this huge undertaking;
- the Special Events Planning Committee for their efforts at fundraising and to each individual who contributed their time, talent, and resources to support the renovations;
- the Building Decorating Committee for the many hours they spent poring over pew options, fabric samples, carpet and flooring samples, and paint colors;
- Sacred Worship Interiors, New Holland Church Furniture, Harrisonburg Construction, and Black's Paint and Floor Covering for their fine work at our church;
- our choir, handbell choir, and musicians for their dedication to making our worship down under special and meaningful despite the equipment and space limitations;
- our AV team for working around the equipment challenges to make our service accessible;
- our Worship Center Committee for making our downstairs a beautiful place to worship each week;
- Crystal Smith for the many hours she spent cleaning away construction dust and all those who joined in the workdays at the beginning and the end of this renovation; and
- Beth Tyler for working diligently through the construction noise for many weeks.

To God be the glory for what he has done!

In Christ's service,
Terri

May Outreach Offering: BDM

Brethren Disaster Ministries, a Church of the Brethren General Board program, restarts hope for the most vulnerable disaster-stricken communities by engaging volunteers to repair and rebuild damaged homes.

Congregational Business Meeting: May 3

Montezuma's spring congregational business meeting is on Sunday, May 3, at 10:40 a.m., immediately following worship. The meeting will feature commission reports and the approval of Nurture Commission appointments.

Brethren Disaster Auction: May 15–16

Volunteer to be a part of the auction! Please contact Ben Hall to help with the golf tournament on Friday morning at Heritage Oaks. The plant barn is open Friday afternoon; contact Barbara Moyer to donate plants or to help. Contact Ralph Rohrer to help with barbecuing chicken and Becky Daubert to help with donuts. Bring your friends to the fairgrounds for a Friday supper and Saturday events!

Brethren Disaster Ministries Trips

The next Brethren Disaster Ministries trips will be the weeks of:

- May 24–30: BDM is partnering with two Habitat for Humanity groups in Hendersonville, NC. The work will be mostly on new builds.
- August 2–8
- September 13–19
- October 18–24

To volunteer, please contact Ed Johnson at (308) 325-6083 or Ralph "Bill" Rohrer at (540) 908-8021.

Montezuma Solos: May 29

Living alone? Join the Solos for a fun-filled warm-weather outing. On Friday, May 29, we'll meet at 4:00 p.m. at Sandy Bottom Park, 610 E. College St., Bridgewater, for mini golf. The fee is \$5 for non-residents. Then we'll proceed to Smiley's Ice Cream for cool treats and good times. Bring a friend!

Spring Fling: May 30

Our annual spring fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 30. We need volunteers for Friday the 29th as well as for Saturday. If you can help or donate bake sale items, there will be sign-up sheets in the foyer. All help is welcomed and appreciated.

Graduate Recognition: June 7

Montezuma will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 7, during worship. If you or someone you know has graduated from school within the last year, or will graduate by June, please submit a short bio and a picture to the church office by May 24.

New Members: June 14

We will be receiving new members by baptism and by letter of transfer on June 14, 2026. If you wish to join Montezuma and have not yet notified Pastor Terri, please do so as soon as possible.

Vacation Bible School: June 15–19

Join us at Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS and find your strength in God. We are collaborating with Dayton COB and are extending VBS to five evenings this year, June 15–19. We will meet each evening at Montezuma from 5:30–8:15, with dinner provided. Please contact Stephanie Diehl or Julie Smith for more information. VBS registration is open and may be completed at the Montezuma COB website (montezumacob.org/vbs/) or by calling the church office.

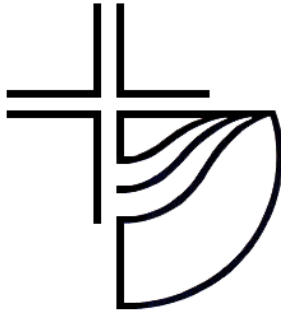
Brethren Woods Summer Camp

Brethren Woods summer camp registration is open! Kenzy Hiner will be working at the camp this summer, so kids who attend will see a familiar face. Montezuma will assist with your child's registration fee. For details, visit brethrenwoods.org or contact Wendy Rhodes.

Pastoral Care Needs

Pastor Terri will be away from May 12–17. Please contact your deacon for any pastoral care needs during this time.

Terri Luzynski, Pastor PastorTerri@montezumacob.org
 Beth Tyler, Office Admin. montezuma.cob@gmail.com



May Birthdays:

2	Olivia Shifflett	15	Shannon Airey
3	Laurie Carpenter		Terri Luzynski
	Austin McNett		Faith Showalter
5	Brock Dennett	20	Erin Brooks
6	Clay Knott		Charlann Johns
7	Emily Coaker		Vicki Richard
	Kendal Payne		Brian Schaffner
8	Betty Chandler	22	Andrew Moran
10	Wesley Kuykendall	23	Dena Symons
	Presley Trent	24	Cathy Roadcap
11	Mason Knott		Corey Wilhelm
	Walter Rhodes	25	Aaron Barnhart
12	Brielle Embres		Ashley Knott
	Randy Glick	27	Rachel Craun
	Chris Moran		Dan Smoker
13	Lindsey Harper	29	Mike Diehl
	Erika Kinthead		Rhonda Mandeville
	Marshall Kiser	30	Troy Payne
14	Kenley Rhodes		Eli Gray
	Jon Shickel		

May Anniversaries:

1	Steve & Charlann Johns
	Dan & Pat King
2	Gene & Wanda Wampler
	Lee & Sandy Kinsey
6	Sam & Mary Jane Cox
10	Mike & Sharon Embres
16	Eric & Anna Shank
17	Ethan & Sallie Hunter
18	Chad & Jessica Shipe
19	Drew & Lindsey Richard
20	Jorge Fuentes & Laurie Serrell
21	Mike & Laura Healy
24	Craig & Jill Sease
28	Isaac Shank & Jennifer Kimble

Our Stewardship for April 2026

Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School	Regular Offering
Apr. 5 (Easter)	196	53	\$6,546.00
Apr. 12	118	57	\$5,810.00
Apr. 19	130	61	\$4,993.00
Apr. 26	126	73	\$19,866.00
Apr. average per Sun.	143	61	\$9,303.75
Last 12 mos. average per	133	57	\$6,759.80

Special Giving for April 2026			
2¢ Meal Offering	\$120.72	Playground Improvements	\$300.00
Give a Girl a Chance Offering	\$560.00	Special Love Offering	\$1,000.00
In Memory of Bill Heishman	\$1,640.00	Youth Easter Breakfast: NYC	\$929.00
In Memory of Frances Shenk	\$390.00	Youth Fund	\$500.00